

# Wildcat NEWSLETTER



**MAY 2025**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we close the 2024-2025 school year, I am excited as we look back on our district's achievements. This year has been a year of change and success and the future looks bright.

First things first, I want to extend my congratulations to our students. Their hard work has been truly inspiring. From excelling in academics to displaying their talents in athletics, arts, and extracurricular activities, they have demonstrated what it means to be a part of the Wildcat community.

Our dedicated teachers and staff have played a positive role in guiding and supporting our students throughout the year. Their commitment to providing an enjoyable and challenging educational environment has significantly impacted our students' lives. Thank them for going above and beyond to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed and grow.

This year, one of the most significant achievements came from the community passing the PPEL. It is proof of our ongoing partnership and commitment to providing a facility for all generations of Wildcats to be proud of. Our administrative goal is to continue to develop strong community support that will be instrumental in our success.

This is an exciting time for our graduating seniors as they begin the next chapter of their lives. Whether heading off to college, entering the workforce, or entering the military, they know that they have a supportive community cheering them on. Everyone in the Glidden-Ralston community congratulates them on their accomplishments and we wish them the best of luck.

I am excited as we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year. Over the summer break we will be doing some renovations that will help us to keep students and employees safe. The learning experience for all will be improved as we have been fortunate to fill all of our teaching positions with quality teachers.

In closing, I want to thank each and everyone for all you do for Glidden-Ralston. As I have said before, you, as parents, are the most important educator in your child's life. Thank you for working with your children's teachers to form a team that has your child's best interests at heart. Let's finish the 2024-25 school year strong so we can make the summer break more enjoyable.

Tom Ridder  
Superintendent

**ENJOY THE  
SUMMER**

Greetings Glidden-Ralston Families,

It's hard to believe that we're about to enter the last month of the 2024-2025 school year. You'll see many upcoming dates to remember listed below. It will definitely be a busy month! As we start thinking about next year, school supplies come to mind. You will find school supply lists posted on the school website at some point in May. In addition, we are working with a company that provides an opportunity for you to purchase your school supplies all at once. They will deliver them to the school and they'll be waiting for your child / children when students return next fall. There is a flyer in this newsletter with directions about this option. There will also be a flyer sent home with all PK-6 students in the coming days.

Best Wishes!

Mr Hjelle  
PK-12 Principal



### Reminders / Announcements

- **After School Pick Up Parking:** Although we seem to be doing better, please remember there is no parking out front near the crosswalk. There are yellow lines marking the areas that are not to be parked in. Parking in these areas creates a hazard for those driving in the area of the stop sign and crosswalk.
- **Weather:** Weather can still be unpredictable in May. Please send kids with appropriate gear for recess.
- **Open Enrollment Dates:**
  - Deadline for Kindergarten is September 1, 2025

### May Dates to Remember:

- May 1, FFA Banquet
- May 12, 6th Grade Field Trip to Swan Lake
- May 14, 5th Grade Field Trip to Living History Farms
- May 15, Elementary Track and Field Day K-3 8:30-10:30, 4-6 1:00-3:00
- May 16, Graduation Rehearsal 9:00 am
- May 18, Graduation Ceremony 2:00
- May 19, Kindergarten Field Trip to Swan Lake
- May 20, Spring Concerts 5:30 K-3rd, 6:30 4th-6th, 7:30 7th-12th
- May 22, PK-3 end of year trip to Kellan's Kingdom
- May 23, PK Spring Program 12:15
- May 23, Last Day of School 12:45 Dismissal





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customized to your school lists.

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Save Up to 40% on Supplies with EPI  
**ORDER YOUR SUPPLIES TODAY!**

**GLIDDEN-RALSTON ELEMENTARY  
2025-2026 SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS**

Grade Level Next Year 2025-2026	Cost Each
PRE-K	\$11.80
KINDERGARTEN	\$75.07
1ST GRADE	\$64.39
2ND GRADE	\$72.92
3RD GRADE BOYS	\$66.09
3RD GRADE GIRLS	\$66.09
4TH-6TH GRADE	\$83.53

**ORDER SECURELY ONLINE**  
**ORDER DUE DATE: MAY 23, 2025**  
Online orders will be charged tax at checkout

1. Go to [www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks](http://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks)
2. Enter your School ID: **GLIO04**
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Print your online confirmation

Questions? Please contact  
Eric Hjelle, [ehjelle@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us](mailto:ehjelle@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us)

School supply kits will be delivered to the  
student's homeroom teacher.

\*If you would like to assist other students with their school  
supply needs you can donate a supply kit by choosing a  
grade level to donate and enter DONATION for the  
student's name at check out.  
All donations are greatly appreciated!

Headphones are included in K and 2nd kits.

The list of supplies included in each box can be  
viewed on the ordering site.





# **GLIDDEN-RALSTON WILDCATS**

# **ACTIVITIES**

## **MAY EDITION**

Final newsletter of the year! Hard to believe. I would like to take this time to thank all of our coaches for everything they do for our student-athletes. Coaching is no easy task and it requires a lot of time to put in and a lot of time away from your family. We have some really great coaches here at Glidden-Ralston. I challenge all of us to go thank a coach the next time you see them. They will appreciate that much more than the money they receive. I also want to thank all of our volunteers that we have throughout the year. From our teachers taking tickets to our volunteers working the scores table and press boxes. It takes a team to pull off a successful event. Thank you!!!

### **Key Dates in May**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**

-Baseball/Softball Practices Begin

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**

-Boys Golf Sectionals (Onawa)

-Senior Awards Night 7:00pm

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**

-Elementary Track & Field Day

-K-3 8:30am-10:30am

-4-6 1:00pm-3:00pm

-State Qualifying Track Meet @ Madrid 4:00pm

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**

-Girls Golf Regionals

-Baseball/Softball Media Day

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

-Dance/Cheer Tryouts 3:00pm

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

-Graduation 2:00pm

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

-Boys Golf Districts (LeMars)

-Baseball Opening Home Game

JV/V vs. IKM-Manning 5:30pm

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

-Last day of School!

12:45pm Early Out

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**

-Softball Opening Home Game

V/JV vs. SCC 5:00pm

-JV/V Baseball vs. SCC 5:30pm

**[Hudl TV Link](#)**

**[Bound Page](#)**


**[School Website](#)**

**GLIDDEN-RALSTON WILDCATS ACTIVITIES**

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# CHEER

Tryouts

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**Saturday, May 17 @  
3:00 Smith Gym**

There will be practices the week of tryouts to learn the cheers, fight song and more! These dates / times are TBD!



For more information please feel  
free to contact Mrs. Rohrbeck  
Must be present to tryout!

## **BIG NEWS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS!**

This summer, **Mr. Fiscus** is launching an all-new **Summer Music Camp** and you won't want to miss it! Whether you're already in Band or Choir — or just thinking about joining — this is your chance to dive into the world of music in a fun, low-key, and super exciting way!   



### **Who can join?**

Students going into **5th–12th grade**




### **When?**

- **Band & Choir sessions** will alternate from **11AM–Noon** on weekdays
- **20-minute private lessons** available **8AM–11AM** each day

✨ It's the perfect way to sharpen your skills, have a blast with fellow music lovers, AND for older students — a golden opportunity to get a head start on **All-State, Honor Choirs**, and **Honor Bands** before the busy school year kicks in!

➡ **Sign up using the same system GR uses for conferences!**

Let's make this summer one to remember — with music, growth, and a whole lot of fun!  **#SummerMusicCamp #BandAndChoir #MusicWithFiscus #GRPride #FutureAllStaters**

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/szbTqHw>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

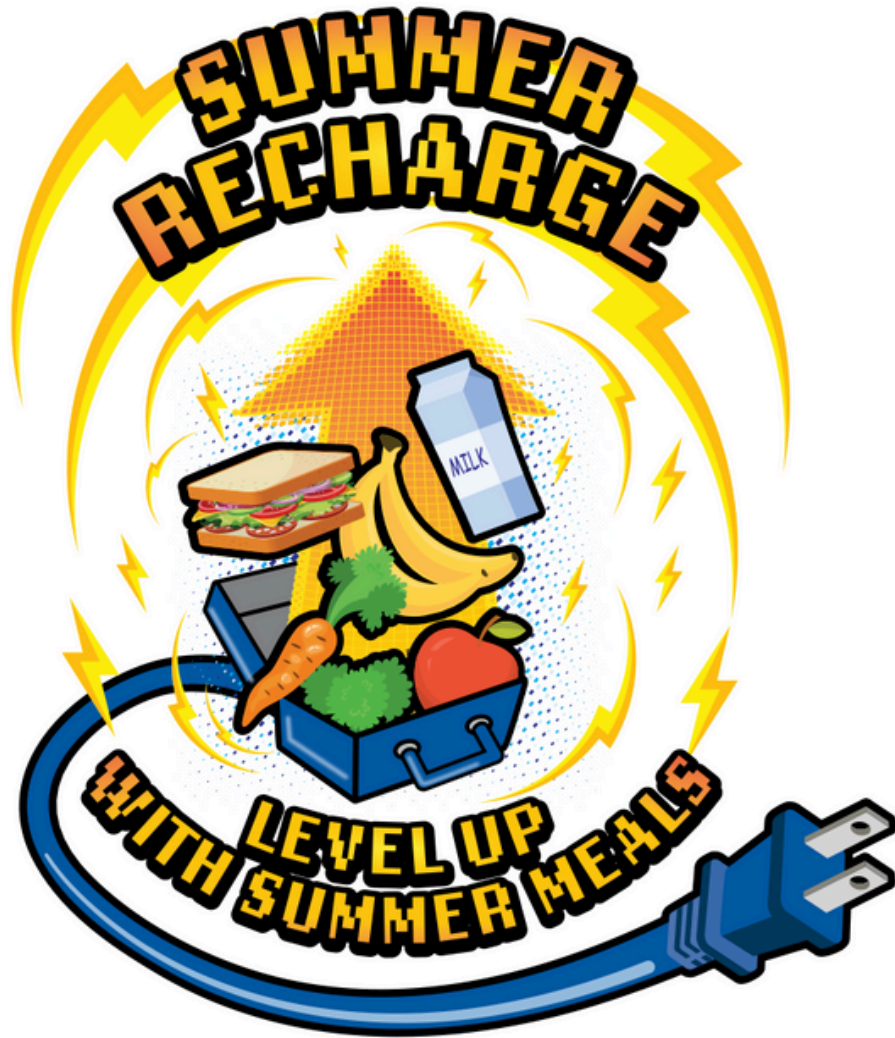
# ***Important Reminder***

**Please check your student's  
LUNCH ACCOUNT and  
FEES BALANCE. All fees and  
lunch accounts must be paid in  
full by the last day of school.  
7-12 students will NOT be able to  
check out until all bills are  
paid in full.**



**We greatly appreciate your help!**

# Celebrate summer with food, fun and friends!



## To find a summer meal site nearby:

- Text "Food" or "Comida" to 304-304

## Call any of these numbers:

- 2-1-1
- 1-866-3-HUNGRY  
(1-866-348-6479), for English
- 1-877-8-HAMBRE  
(1-877-842-6273), for Spanish
- Visit the [USDA Meals for Kids Site Finder](#)

**Free summer meals are available for  
all children and teens 18 and under.**







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# Wildcat Calendar



# May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				-FFA Banquet	-HS Boys Golf @ SEV (Dayton) -JH Track @ C-M (Maxwell) 	-CCSS Trap @ Denison
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Carroll County Solid Waste Presentation -HS Golf @ Coon Rapids -JH Track @ Rockwell City -SB/BB Practices Begin	-HS Track @ BV (Dunlap)	-6:00pm Booster Club Meeting	-HS Golf @ Atlantic -HS Track @ Lake City	-HS Track @ Ogden -JH Track @ Sac City	-CCSS Trap @ Schaller
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	-6 <sup>th</sup> grade Swan Lake Field Trip -HS Track @ Sac City	-JH Track @ WH (Mondamin) 	-11:00am Seniors Meal in Lunchroom -5 <sup>th</sup> grade Living History Farms Field Trip -4:30pm Board Meeting -7:00pm Senior Awards Night	Elementary Track & Field Day *8:30-10:30am K-3 <sup>rd</sup> *1:00-3:00pm 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> -District Track Meet @ Madrid	-9:00am Seniors Graduation Rehearsal -10:00am Seniors Elmer Smith Gravesite -Elementary Track & Field Rain Date	-3:00pm Dance/Cheer Tryouts -CCSS Conference Trap @ Denison
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
-2:00pm Graduation Ceremony  2025	-8:15am 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Awards -Kindergarten Swan Lake Field Trip -2 <sup>nd</sup> grade Loess Hills Presentation -JV/V BB vs. IKM-Manning	Spring Music Concerts *5:30pm K-3 <sup>rd</sup> *6:30pm 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> *7:30pm 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	-JV/V BB @ Carroll	-PK-3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Field Trip to Kellan's Kingdom	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b> -12:15pm Spring Preschool Program -12:45pm DISMISSAL (End of 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter)	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		-JV/V BB vs. SCC -V/JV SB vs. SCC		-JV/V BB vs. WCV	-JV/V BB @ Madrid -JV/V SB @ Madrid 	
<p>The Glidden-Ralston CSD offers career and technical programs in the following service areas: Agricultural Education, Business Education, Health Occupations Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, and Industrial Education. It is the policy of the Glidden-Ralston CSD not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator, Kaylee Bach, School Counselor, 602 Idaho St, Glidden, IA 51443, 712-659-3411, <a href="mailto:kbach@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us">kbach@glidden-ralston.k12.ia.us</a></p>						

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# May 2025 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 WG Toast or Cereal	2 Poptart or Cereal
			Popcorn Chicken Broccoli w/ Cheese Rosie Applesauce Milk	Hamburger on WG Bun French Fries Carrot Sticks Mandarin Oranges Milk
5 WG Pancakes or Cereal Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce WG Breadstick Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Fresh Fruit Milk	6 WG Bagel w/ Cream Cheese or Cereal Hot Ham and Cheese Smile Fries Green Beans Pears Milk	7 WG Biscuits & Gravy or Cereal Stuffed Crust Pizza Corn Applesauce Cookie Milk	8 WG Waffles or Cereal Corn Dog Mixed Vegetables Peaches Rice Krispie Treat Milk	9 Nutrigrain Bar & Yogurt or Cereal Chicken Quesadilla Refried Beans Pineapple Ice Cream Cup Milk
12 WG Toast or Cereal Mr. Rib on WG Bun Baked Chips Peas Pears Milk	13 Breakfast on a Stick or Cereal Fish Sticks Mixed Vegetables Grapes Cookie Milk	14 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Tacos w/ Lettuce & Tomato Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Milk	15 WG Muffin or Cereal Chicken Patty on WG Bun Tater Tots Cooked Carrots Apple Slices Milk	16 WG French Toast Sticks or Cereal Crispito w/ Cheese Black Beans Street Corn Tropical Fruit Milk
19 WG Muffin or Cereal Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Apricots Milk	20 WG Waffles or Cereal Chicken Strips Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Cookie Milk	21 Eggs & Sausage or Cereal Italian Dunkers w/ Meat Sauce Corn Banana Milk	22 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal Tenderloin on WG Bun Crinkle Fries Mixed Vegetables Peaches Milk	23 Long Johns or Cereal Hot Dog on WG Bun Baked Chips Baby Carrots Fruit Cup Milk
26	27	28	29	30
				

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